

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 (Currently Amended) A connector comprising a housing and a contact held in the housing, wherein the housing ~~has~~ comprises a displaceable housing lance,

the contact ~~including~~ comprising:

a contacting portion to be contacted with a connection object;

a wall portion surrounding the contacting portion; and

a locking portion connected to the wall portion and adapted to be engaged with the housing lance,

the wall portion having first and second side walls faced to each other with a space left therebetween,

the locking portion extending from the first wide wall towards the second side wall and having an extending end,

the second side wall having a locking/holding portion holding the extending end,

wherein the housing comprises a contact receiving portion, the contact being inserted into the contact receiving portion in an inserting direction, the housing lance locking the contact in a removing direction reverse to the inserting direction,

wherein the wall portion further comprises a bottom wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contacting portion having a contacting piece located between the first and the second side walls, the contacting piece and the bottom wall being faced to each other with a space left therefrom to receive the connection object,

wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary piece located between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece having a free end located between the auxiliary piece and the bottom wall, and

wherein the contacting piece extends from the wall portion in the removing direction, the auxiliary piece extending from the wall portion in the inserting direction.

Claims 2-4. (Cancelled).

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim [4] 1, wherein the wall portion ~~has~~ comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the ~~connecting~~ contacting piece and the auxiliary piece being provided on the top wall.

Claim 6. (Cancelled).

Claim 7. (Original) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the locking/holding portion is a cut-out portion formed in the second side wall, the extending end being inserted into the cut-out portion.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the contact ~~has~~ comprises an auxiliary locking portion extending from the second side wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the wall portion ~~having~~ comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contact having an auxiliary locking portion extending from the top wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the housing lance ~~has~~ comprises elasticity so as to be engaged with and disengaged from the locking portion.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) [A] The connector according to claim 1, wherein the contact is connected to a cable and ~~has~~ comprises:

- a coupling portion to be coupled with the connection object;
- a cable holding portion holding the cable;
- a press-fit portion press-fitted to a core wire of the cable; and
- a connecting portion connecting the press-fit portion and the coupling portion to each other;

the contacting portion, the wall portion, and the locking portion being provided in the coupling portion.

Claim 12. (New) A connector comprising a housing and a contact held in the housing, wherein the housing comprises a displaceable housing lance,

- the contact including:
 - a contacting portion to be contacted with a connection object;
 - a wall portion surrounding the contacting portion; and
 - a locking portion connected to the wall portion and adapted to be engaged with the housing lance,

the wall portion having first and second side walls faced to each other with a space left therebetween,

the locking portion extending from the first wide wall towards the second side wall and having an extending end,

the second side wall having a locking/holding portion holding the extending end,

wherein the locking/holding portion is a cut-out portion formed in the second side wall, the extending end being inserted into the cut-out portion.

Claim 13. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein the housing comprises a contact receiving portion, the contact being inserted into the contact receiving portion in an inserting direction, the housing lance locking the contact in a removing direction reverse to the inserting direction.

Claim 14. (New) The connector according to claim 13, wherein the wall portion further comprises a bottom wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contacting portion having a contacting piece located between the first and the second side walls, the contacting piece and the bottom wall being faced to each other with a space left therefrom to receive the connection object.

Claim 15. (New) The connector according to claim 14, wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary piece located between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece having a free end located between the auxiliary piece and the bottom wall.

Claim 16. (New) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the wall portion comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece and the auxiliary piece being provided on the top wall.

Claim 17. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary locking portion extending from the second side wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 18. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein the wall portion comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contact having an auxiliary locking portion extending from the top wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 19. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein the housing lance comprises elasticity so as to be engaged with and disengaged from the locking portion.

Claim 20. (New) The connector according to claim 12, wherein the contact is connected to a cable and comprises:

- a coupling portion to be coupled with the connection object;
- a cable holding portion holding the cable;
- a press-fit portion press-fitted to a core wire of the cable; and
- a connecting portion connecting the press-fit portion and the coupling portion to each other,

the contacting portion, the wall portion, and the locking portion being provided in the coupling portion.

Claim 21. (New) A connector comprising a housing and a contact held in the housing, wherein the housing comprises a displaceable housing lance,

- the contact including:
 - a contacting portion to be contacted with a connection object;
 - a wall portion surrounding the contacting portion; and
 - a locking portion connected to the wall portion and adapted to be engaged with the housing lance,

- the wall portion having first and second side walls faced to each other with a space left therebetween,

- the locking portion extending from the first wide wall towards the second side wall and having an extending end,

- the second side wall having a locking/holding portion holding the extending end,

- wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary locking portion extending from the second side wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 22. (New) The connector according to claim 21, wherein the housing comprises a contact receiving portion, the contact being inserted into the contact receiving portion in an inserting direction, the housing lance locking the contact in a removing direction reverse to the inserting direction.

Claim 23. (New) The connector according to claim 22, wherein the wall portion further comprises a bottom wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contacting portion having a contacting piece located between the first and the second side walls, the

contacting piece and the bottom wall being faced to each other with a space left therefrom to receive the connection object.

Claim 24. (New) The connector according to claim 23, wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary piece located between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece having a free end located between the auxiliary piece and the bottom wall.

Claim 25. (New) The connector according to claim 24, wherein the wall portion comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece and the auxiliary piece being provided on the top wall.

Claim 26. (New) The connector according to claim 21, wherein the housing lance comprises elasticity so as to be engaged with and disengaged from the locking portion.

Claim 27. (New) The connector according to claim 21, wherein the contact is connected to a cable and comprises:

- a coupling portion to be coupled with the connection object;
- a cable holding portion holding the cable;
- a press-fit portion press-fitted to a core wire of the cable; and
- a connecting portion connecting the press-fit portion and the coupling portion to each other,

the contacting portion, the wall portion, and the locking portion being provided in the coupling portion.

Claim 28. (New) A connector comprising a housing and a contact held in the housing, wherein the housing comprises a displaceable housing lance,

- the contact including:
 - a contacting portion to be contacted with a connection object;
 - a wall portion surrounding the contacting portion; and
 - a locking portion connected to the wall portion and adapted to be engaged with the housing lance,

the wall portion having first and second side walls faced to each other with a space left therebetween,

the locking portion extending from the first wide wall towards the second side wall and having an extending end,

the second side wall having a locking/holding portion holding the extending end,

wherein the wall portion comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contact having an auxiliary locking portion extending from the top wall to be engaged with the locking portion in the removing direction.

Claim 29. (New) The connector according to claim 28, wherein the housing comprises a contact receiving portion, the contact being inserted into the contact receiving portion in an inserting direction, the housing lance locking the contact in a removing direction reverse to the inserting direction.

Claim 30. (New) The connector according to claim 29, wherein the wall portion further comprises a bottom wall extending between the first and the second side walls, the contacting portion having a contacting piece located between the first and the second side walls, the contacting piece and the bottom wall being faced to each other with a space left therefrom to receive the connection object.

Claim 31. (New) The connector according to claim 30, wherein the contact comprises an auxiliary piece located between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece having a free end located between the auxiliary piece and the bottom wall.

Claim 32. (New) The connector according to claim 31, wherein the wall portion comprises a top wall extending between the first and the second side walls and faced to the bottom wall with a space left therefrom, the contacting piece and the auxiliary piece being provided on the top wall.

Claim 33. (New) The connector according to claim 28, wherein the housing lance comprises elasticity so as to be engaged with and disengaged from the locking portion.

Claim 34. (New) The connector according to claim 28, wherein the contact is connected to a cable and comprises:

a coupling portion to be coupled with the connection object;

a cable holding portion holding the cable;

a press-fit portion press-fitted to a core wire of the cable; and

a connecting portion connecting the press-fit portion and the coupling portion to each other; the contacting portion, the wall portion, and the locking portion being provided in the coupling portion.

Request for Reconsideration:

Applicant is cancelling claims 2-4 and 6, without prejudice. Applicant is rewriting claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 and intervening claims 2-4, amending claim 5 to depend from claim 1, and amending claims 5 and 8-11 to clarify the description of claimed embodiments. Further, Applicant is writing claims 7-9 in independent form including the limitations of their base claim, claim 1, as new claims 12, 21, and 28, respectively. Applicant also is adding new claims 13-20, 22-27, and 29-34 to further describe claimed embodiments. No new matter is added by these amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 5, and 7-34 (thirty (30) claims) are pending in this application, and a total of four (4), independent claims are pending in this application. As a result of these amendments, Applicant is enclosing a check including the amount of \$266 for one (1) excess independent claims and ten (10) claims in excess of twenty (20). Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit that variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter these amendments and reconsider this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.